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Amendments to the Claims:

1 (currently amended):   A method for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, comprising:

initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application;

entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein the document creation application includes a first window that includes a writing area and a second window that includes a search box that is displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box;

accessing a dictionary service;

attempting to obtain a definition of the shorthand term; and

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the second window without replacing the shorthand term entered in the search box; and

inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window.

2 (original):   The method of Claim 1, wherein the shorthand term is a Short Messaging Service (SMS) term.

3 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 1, wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.

4 (previously presented):   The method of Claim 1, wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises selecting a shorthand term from within the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

5 (original):   The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary over a network that is searched.

6 (original):   The method of Claim 5, wherein the network is the Internet.

7 (original):   The method of Claim 5, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

8 (original):   The method of Claim 6, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

9 (currently amended):   A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, the instructions comprising: comprising:

initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application:

entering a SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein the document creation includes a first window containing a writing area and a second window that includes a search box and a results area that are displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box in the second window;

accessing a dictionary service over a network;

obtaining a definition of the shorthand term;

providing the definition to the application; and

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the results area of the second window without replacing the entered SMS shorthand term; and inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window.

10 (withdrawn):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.

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11 (previously presented):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises highlighting the shorthand term.

12 (original):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 8, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary of shorthand terms.

13 (original):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the network is the Internet.

14 (original):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

15 (original):   The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

16 (currently amended):   A system for a shorthand dictionary service, comprising:

a first computing device that is coupled to a network and that includes a dictionary service application that is configured to perform actions, including:

receiving a shorthand term from a second computing device; wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within an application on the second computing device having a writing area that is within a first window and a search box that is within a second window that is displayed in response to a shorthand dictionary service being initiated on the second computing device and after the first window is displayed; wherein the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window;

searching for a definition of the shorthand term within a dictionary; and

providing a result within a results area of the second window based on the search; wherein the result is displayed within the application on the second computing device without replacing the shorthand term entered within the search box; and providing an option to copy the definition and insert the definition into the writing area of the first window.

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17 (previously presented):   The system of Claim 16, wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device, further comprises receiving the shorthand term from the search box.

18 (previously presented):   The system of Claim 16, wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device, further comprises selecting the shorthand term from within writing area of the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

19 (original):   The system of Claim 16, wherein the network is the Internet.

20 (original):   The system of Claim 19, wherein displaying the result, further comprises displaying the result such that a definition of the shorthand term is selectable.

21 (previously presented):   The system of Claim 20, further comprising inserting the definition into the writing area of the application on the second computing device when the definition is selected.